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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Chin)

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Application No.: 09/413,012)

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Filing Date: October 5, 1999)

Examiner: Victor X. Nguyen)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the FINAL Office Action dated September 7, 2005, subsequent to a telephonic interview on November 7, 2005 between the undersigned and Examiner Nguyen, and in conjunction with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, please note the following remarks and enter the following changes.

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Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10.